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SUBJ: CANAL ZONE PILOTS PROBLEM

1. WE SEE THIS PROBLEM, WHICH IS SYMPTOMATIC OF LARGER ONE INVOLVING INCREASING MALAISE OF ZONE'S CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES, AS HAVING UNFORTUNATE IMPLICATIONS FOR BOTH TREATY NEGOTIATIONS AND THE COURSE OF BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH PANAMA, AND WILL WISH TO CONSULT WITH AMBASSADOR ON IT DURING HIS FORTHCOMING CONSULTATION.

2. GIVEN IMMINENCE OF UNDER SECRETARIES COMMITTEE MEETING, FOREIGN MINISTER'S INTERVIEW WITH THE SECRETARY AND PANAMA'S SCHEDULED GENERAL ASSEMBLY SPEECH, DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE PROMPT, DETAILED ANALYSIS OF PROBLEM AND OF PROSPECTS FOR RESOLVING IT. DEPARTMENT WOULD ALSO LIKE TO BE KEPT FULLY INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS AND OF EMBASSY'S SUGGESTIONS, WHEN CIRCUMSTANCES WARRANT, FOR DEPARTMENT'S REPLIES TO PRESS QUERIES.

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